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Sen. Allen announces approval for Mariner Village redevelopment project

LANSING – State Sen. Jason Allen, R-Traverse City, today announced that the Michigan Economic Growth Authority approved the “Mariner Village” Brownfield Work Plan request for the city of Cheboygan.

“This project is an important step to the business revitalization of downtown Cheboygan,” Allen said. “Renovating these empty store fronts and bringing in new businesses will bolster the local economy and improve the overall attractiveness of Cheboygan.”

The project will feature retail shops, a dry stack in/out boat storage facility with maintenance, a restaurant, along with office space and a 35,000 square foot marina. The current property contains a former lumber company, convenience store and a salon – all which are vacant. The property also features a bank and restaurant that have recently reopened.

“This is a great opportunity for the community,” Allen said. “By improving the retail prospects in Cheboygan, we can bring new business to the area and create more job opportunities. The efforts of J&D Investments to redevelop these facilities to include a restaurant and office space along with a marina and boat storage opportunities will greatly improve the local economy by creating options for consumers.”

Cheboygan will use approximately \$247,000 in captured tax revenue to demolish and clean up asbestos contamination. Mariner Village is expected to create 28 new jobs.

J&D Investments is planning to invest approximately \$4.1 million in redevelopment of the marina.

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